



DRAFT MINUTES

RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Friday, September 11, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Rep. Craig Hall, Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Lee B. Perry

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff

Staff Present:

Andy Yewdell, Policy Analyst
Andrea Valenti Arthur, Associate General Counsel
Peter Asplund, Associate General Counsel
Leila Reynolds, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

1 . Committee Business

In recognition of the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Chair Harper requested a moment of silence.

[1A - Draft Minutes of August 14, 2020 Meeting](#)

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-13

Rep. K. Birkeland
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. D. Hemmert

Andy Yewdell gave an overview of the new public comment process. The public comment guidelines and instructions are available on each committee webpage and in the red ribbon at the top of each page on the legislative website. The public is reminded that comments can always be emailed to committee chairs before, during, or after a meeting.

2 . Draft Legislation: Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments

[2A - Draft Legislation - Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments - 2021FL0484](#)

Andy Yewdell gave an overview of the draft legislation.



Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP, gave an update on data and data collection for the pilot program.

Sen. Luz Escamilla supported PEHP's data-driven efforts to collect information on the pilot program, and asked the committee to allow them and Rep. Pierucci to sponsor the committee bill.

The committee asked questions of Chet Loftis and Sen. Escamilla.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adopt the draft legislation, Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments, as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. K. Birkeland
Sen. G. Davis
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
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Sen. D. Hemmert

3 . Draft Legislation: Utah Retirement Systems Amendments

[3A - Draft Legislation - Utah Retirement Systems Amendments - 2021FL0432](#)

[3B - URS Summary of URS Amendments Bill](#)

Andrea Valenti Arthur presented an overview of the draft legislation.

Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems (URS), summarized the draft legislation.

The committee asked questions of Andrea Valenti Arthur and Dee Larson.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to pass the draft legislation, Utah Retirement Systems Amendments, as a committee bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.



Yeas-14

Rep. K. Birkeland
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Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. D. Hemmert

4 . Future of Committees on Retirement and Independent Entities

[4A - Retirement and Independent Entities History - OLRGC](#)

[4B - Retirement and Independent Entities History Presentation - OLRGC](#)

[4C - Overview of Committee Bills, Meetings, and Appropriations](#)

Peter Asplund provided a presentation on the history of retirement and independent entities committees in Utah and on considerations for reorganizing the committees.

The committee asked questions on the matter with the Chairs and Sen. Hemmert answering.

Dee Larsen, General Counsel, URS, gave their perspective on the matter, both as General Counsel of URS and as the former counsel assigned to the committee.

The committee discussed the issue further.

Chair Harper opened the meeting to public comment.

Kory Holdaway, KMH Government Affairs, spoke on the issue.

Chair Harper reiterated the options available to the committee to address the issue.

MOTION: Sen. Hemmert moved to open a committee bill file to modify the rules around Retirement and Independent Entities committees and look at making the appropriations meeting requirement more manageable. Committee discussion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 0.



Yeas-15

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. K. Birkeland
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5 . 911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing

[5A - LAG Audit Presentation](#)

[5B - An In-depth Follow-up of 911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing](#)

Brian Dean, Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and Jake Dinsdale, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented the audit report.

Scott Ruf, Executive Director, Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center, responded to the audit report.

The committee asked questions of Scott Ruf.

Paul Patrick, Deputy Division Director, Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health, responded to the audit report.

The committee asked questions of Paul Patrick.

Col. Michael Rapich, Utah Department of Public Safety, made brief comments.

Dave Edmunds, Executive Director, Utah Communications Authority, spoke on the matter.

Chair Harper made summarizing comments.

6 . Update: 2020 H.B. 173, "Firefighter Retirement Amendments"

Brian Cottam, Director, Utah Division of Forestry, Fires and State Lands, gave an update on the issue.

Kory Cox, Association and Stakeholder Liason, URS, spoke on the matter.

7 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 2.



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Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Fillmore

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.